## NOTICE

## School Health and Related Services (SHARS) Settlement Provider Notice & Informal Appeals

HHSC SHARS sent Settlement Notices to districts on December  $4^{th}$ , 2020. As a reminder, districts are required to review their cost report, and agree or disagree with the proposed settlement amount within 30 <u>calendar</u> days of the notice, **Monday, January 4^{th}, 2021**. If a district does not complete the required steps to either agree or disagree by the deadline, HHSC will close their cost report and default to the proposed settlement amount as though the district had agreed.

Additionally, should a district disagree, they are entitled to submit an informal appeal to HHSC SHARS. The appeal letter must be <u>received</u> by HHSC no later than **Monday**, **January 4**<sup>th</sup>, **2021**. If a district that disagrees with their proposed settlement fails to submit their appeal by the deadline, HHSC SHARS will close their cost report and default to the proposed settlement amount as though the district had agreed.

To assist districts in properly submitting Informal Review requests, HHSC SHARS posted training material on the SHARS webpage.

https://rad.hhs.texas.gov/acute-care/school-health-and-related-services/shars-training

For questions, please call the SHARS helpline at (512) 730-7400 or email us at <u>ra\_shars@hhsc.state.tx.us</u>.

For help with STAIRS, contact the Fairbanks Information Center at 888-321-1225 or info@fairbanksllc.com.